

## Message

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**Subject:** FW: Following up on Centreville

Andrea- Re: your inquiry on Centreville during our pretreatment call. This is all I've seen.

Does not seem to link pretreatment - but we'll let you know when we hear from IEPA/inspection report.

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Ryan: all we know right now is that IEPA did conduct the inspection and they do intend to prepare a report. We've asked for a copy of the report when done. I have no details regarding who attended or how IEPA plans to followup.

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**Subject:** FW: Following up on Centreville

Hi Ryan and Dean,  
 Do we have any updates from IEPA on the following:

(2) **IEPA field visit.** IEPA had staff in the field (Wayne Caughman) to investigate the water issues on Wednesday, August 5, with representatives from Centreville and the County. Can USEPA/IEPA provide us with an update on which local/county reps participated, what was found on this visit, and whether any action steps will be taken as a result of it? Are there any documents related to the visit, findings and/or action steps that are shareable with the public, and if so can the agencies send them to us or should we submit a FOIA request?

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**Subject:** Following up on Centreville

Hi Alan,

Thanks again for following up with our Centreville attorney team for an update on a possible "regional" approach to the flooding and sewage issues and enforcement progress towards bring relief asap for the residents. We have a few questions for you based on last Monday's discussion, as well as subsequent developments:

(1) **Watershed plan.** Can USEPA/IEPA clarify the potential sources of funding that you all envision the Heartland Conservancy pursuing for its Prairie du Pont and Judy's Branch proposal? Also, given that we are not deeply familiar with watershed planning in Illinois, can the agencies explain the source of the process for carrying out the plan, as it was described to us on our Monday call? E.g., is/are there guidance or regulations defining the process? Is there a funding program that requires the watershed planning process to be structured in the manner described?

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Thanks so much,

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